

# Your Christmas Feast

Each succeeding holiday season brings a wider appreciation of the advantages gained by shopping early. The busy housewife would do well to adopt this principle in ordering the requirements of the Christmas dinner. It will save a deal of worry incident to delay.

Although we are well equipped to offer prompt and efficient service to customers' the order placed early will give better satisfaction to all concerned. We have assembled an extraordinary complete stock of dainties and delicacies, as well as the staple requirements of the Christmas table. You will find everything needful here in the way of Groceries, Fancy Groceries, Wines and Liquors.

## Gordon-Smithfield Hams

No other brand on the market enjoys the reputation of our Gordon-Smithfield Hams. They have been on the market for almost thirty years, and are known far and wide. We receive orders, not only from all parts of this country, but from foreign countries as well. The delicious flavor of these hams is peculiar to them alone. It is acquired by our own system of curing and aging. None are put on the market under one year old, as they are allowed to season at least that length of time in our smoke-houses.

There is a great deal in the proper cooking of hams to obtain their full deliciousness. We receive orders for cooked hams—the REAL OLD VIRGINIA style—by cooks that know how.

## Dainty Christmas Gift Suggestions

A dainty gift from Christian's such as those suggested in the list below is in good taste and will bring pleasure to the recipient. These are a few of the many things at Christian's appropriate as Christmas gifts:

**CHOICE FRUITS** (various assortments), in Fancy Gift Baskets.

**FINE IMPORTED CIGARS.**

**HUYLER'S CANDIES**, in Fancy Baskets.

**PARK & TILFORD'S CANDIES.**

**IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC CHAMPAGNES.**

**FINE WINES, WHISKIES, Etc.**

## Wines, Liquors and Cigars

The Christmas table is not complete without its wines and liquors. The holiday spirit of good cheer prevalent at this time of the year makes necessary the including of Wines, Cordials, etc., with your Christmas feast.

We have selected the world's choicest products—Wines, Cordials, Liquors, etc., that are absolutely pure, mellow and "CHRISTIAN QUALITY," which means the BEST.

We direct attention to our RIBEIRO REAL VINTAGE 1894 MADEIRA—a real vintage wine that will satisfy the most particular.

Fine Old London Dock Vintage Brandy, Champagne, sparkling Moselles, sparkling Burgundies, Vintage Ports and rare Sherries.

Virginia Mountain Straight Ryes and Bourbons and Scotch Whiskies, Jamaica and Santa Croix Rums.

A large and well selected stock of fine Imported and Key West Cigars.

## Home Made Mince Meat

The ingredients supplied by us—the best quality of everything used, and the mincemeat prepared specially for us by one who knows how. The REAL old-fashioned, home-made kind, delicious and pure. Packed in convenient and sanitary glass jars.

## To Give the Table Just the Desired Touch of Luxury

Brandied and Fresh Fruits in glass—Peaches, Pears, Apricots, Cherries, Figs and Pineapples. Glace and Chrystalized Fruits, Maroons and assorted Glace Nuts.

## Nuts and Nut Meats

Carefully selected by us from the stocks of the best importers. The finest quality obtainable.

Extra Large Paper Shell Pecans, Valencia and Jordan Almonds, English and Black Walnuts, California Walnuts, Budded Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Mixed and Salted Nuts of every description.

## Choice Fresh Fruits

Always the finest afforded by the markets of the world—from hot-house, orchard and vineyard.

Hot-house and Malaga Grapes, Navel and Florida Oranges, fancy Florida Grape Fruit and Tangerines, Cumquats, Albemarle Pippins, Virginia Winesaps, Lowry, Pilot and Lady Apples; Oregon Spitzenbergs; Winesaps and Newton Pippins; Anjou and Nelis Pears; Pomegranates, Persimmons and Fresh Figs; Casaba Melons; Alligator Pears.

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ORDERS

We have complete facilities for assembling, packing and shipping special Christmas orders. Orders filled, packed and shipped the same day as received. Freight paid on all orders of \$5.00 and over.

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## CHILD IS ENTITLED TO ANCIENT BARONY

Decision Is Made by Committee of Privileges of House of Lords.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.  
TWELVE year old Mary Petre, whom the Committee of Privileges of the House of Lords has just decided to be entitled to the ancient Barony of Furnivall, which has been in abeyance for 125 years, is half American and she will thus constitute an addition to the number of British peeresses who have American blood in their veins. For her mother, the widowed Lady Petre, was Julia Taylor, daughter of George Cavendish Taylor, of New York, and widow of the late and fifteenth Lord Petre, who died in 1938 under such mysterious circumstances as to necessitate an inquest.

The Barony of Furnivall, which was called by writ in 1252, fell into abeyance with the death of the ninth Duke of Norfolk in 1777, on whose demise without issue his niece, that is to say, the daughters of his younger brother, Philip Howard, of Buckenham, Norfolk, became co-heiresses of the barony in question. One of these nieces, Anne Howard, married Robert, ninth Lord Petre, and it is as his lineal descendant that the Hon. Mary Petre, eldest child of the fifteenth Lord Petre, and elder sister of the present and sixteenth Lord Petre, claimed the Furnivall Barony and has now obtained a decision in her favor.

The next move will be an intimation that King George has, in compliance with the recommendations of the Committee of Privileges of the House of Lords, called out of abeyance the Barony of Furnivall, in favor of the Hon. Mary Petre, who will, ipso facto, become a peeress of the realm, her barony passing as her death to any son that she may have by her marriage, or failing male issue to an only daughter. Should there be several daughters, it would once more fall into abeyance. Should she die unmarried the barony would go to her younger brother, Lord Petre, as her next heir.

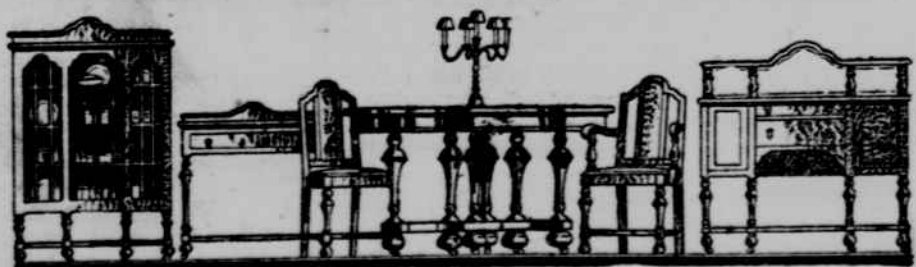
The Petres are one of the great Catholic houses of the old English aristocracy, and the family has a number of American affiliations in addition to those which come to it through the widowed Lady Petre and her two children. Lord Petre's home and that of his mother and sister is at Thorndon Hall, which has been in the possession of the family since it was bestowed by Henry VIII. upon his Secretary of State, Sir William Petre. Owing to the fact that the Thorndon Hall estates were confiscated property of the church, Sir William would not accept them until his possession thereof was confirmed by a papal bull, a precaution which not only served to avert the blight that seems to have fallen upon most of the families that participated in the distribution of the confiscated property of the church, but likewise prevented any reprisals by "Bloody" Queen Mary, when she restored the Roman Catholic Church and sent the principal Reformers to the stake and to the scaffold.

Thorndon Hall is full of wonderful old paintings, the most interesting of which is one which shows the amazing way in which Charles Radcliffe, the Jacobite Earl of Derwentwater, won the hand of Charlotte, Countess of Newburgh, the ancestress of the present Earl of Newburgh, and of his sisters, who include Lady Isabel Howard, wife of Esme Howard, formerly first secretary and councillor of the British embassy at Washington. Lord Derwentwater proposed marriage, not once nor twice, but a dozen times, to Lady Newburgh, who was quite resolute in her determination never to wed again, her first husband having been the Hon. Thomas Clifford Chudleigh, by whom she had one daughter of the name of Anne.

Lord Derwentwater, however, was not the man to take a widow's nay, and one day he clambered down the chimney into her sleeping room—the chimneys were very large and roomy to those days—and pointing out to her that she was hopelessly compromised by his presence in her bedroom at that time of night, extorted from her a consent to their marriage. Unless I am much mistaken, this is the only instance in the annals of the English aristocracy where a peeress in her own right has been won by a suitor clambering, not up to her window, but down the chimney of her room.

Ingestone, the other home of Lord Petre, in Essex, is portrayed by Miss Braddon the novelist, under the name of "Audley Court," in her most powerful novel, "Lady Audley's Secret."

## William and Mary Furniture



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